

Glossary of Terms

APP - Approach
BY - Buoy
BB – Bell Buoy
BNM – Broadcast Notice to Mariners
BR - Bridge
BRKW - Breakwater
CFR – Code of Federal Regulations
CH - Channel
COLREGS – International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea
COLREGS DEMARCATION LINE – The separation of international and inland waterways
CRK - Creek
DB – Derrick Barge
DBN - Day beacon
DEG - Degree
dGPS – Differential Global Positioning System
DOLPHIN – A cluster of pilings
DWSC – Deep Water Ship Channel
E - East
EBB – Tidal current toward the sea
F - Fixed
FENDER – The protection system at a bridge
FL - Flashing
FLOOD – Tidal current toward the shore.
FS/FOGSIG – Fog Signal
GB – Gong Buoy
GPS – Global Positioning System
HB – Horn Buoy
HBR - Harbor
HWY BR – Highway Bridge
IS - Island
LB – Lighted Buoy
LBB – Lighted Bell Buoy
LDG - Landing
LEAF – The movable portion of a bascule bridge
LGB – Lighted Gong Buoy
LHB – Lighted Horn Buoy
LK - Lake
LLNR – Light List Number

LMB – Lighted Mooring Buoy
LNM – Local Notice to Mariners
LT - Light
LWB – Lighted Whistle Buoy
LWP – Left Watching Properly
MB – Mooring Buoy
MHW – Mean High Water
MKR BY – Marker Buoy
MLLW – Mean Lower Low Water
MSO – Marine Safety Office
M/V – Motor Vessel
N – North
NM – Nautical Mile
NMS – National Marine Sanctuary
Northern California – From Point Conception north to California/Oregon state line
NPS – National Park Service
NWR – National Wildlife Refuge
PT - Point
Q - Quick
RACON – Radar Beacon
RB – Regulatory Buoy
RCK - Rock
RF LT – Range Front Light
RIV - River
RR - Railroad
RR BR – Railroad Bridge
RR LT – Rear Range Light
SLGH - Slough
S - South
SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA – South of Point Conception to the California/Mexico Border
SPD - Speed
SOFFIT – The “low steel” or other point restricting vertical clearance on a bridge
TRLB – Temporary Lighted Buoy – Use Caution, submerged aid may be present.
TRUB – Temporary Unlighted Buoy– Use Caution, submerged aid may be present.
USC – United States Code
VTS – Vessel Traffic Service
W - West
WB – Whistle Buoy
WHF – Wharf
WR – Wreck

In addition, there are numerous definitions and explanations of terms in the Light List, COMDTPUB P16502.6 Light List, Volume VI, 2003 edition. The light list is available at <http://www.navcen.uscg.gov/pubs/LightLists/V6COMPLETE.PDF>